

In the Claims:

Please withdraw Claims 4, 7-10 and 12-21, amend Claim 5, and add the following new Claim 22.

1. (Original) A method for inhibiting cholesterol uptake in the gut comprising the step of administering to an individual an inhibitor of an ABC1 protein.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is a sulfonylurea compound.

3. (Original) A method for lowering levels of LDL cholesterol in an individual comprising the step of administering orally to that individual an agent which reduces the activity of the ABC1 protein in the intestinal cells of the individual.

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the agent acts by direct drug inhibition of ~~inhibiting~~ the activity of the ABC1 protein.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the agent is administered orally.

7.-10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Original) A method for reducing transport of cholesterol from the gut to the blood comprising administering an ABC1 modulating compound to an animal and thereby reducing such transport.

12.- 21. (Withdrawn)

22. (New) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the inhibitor is a sulfonylurea compound.